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Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

The rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of claims 1 and 4-5 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Takamoto '631 in view of Baba '212 has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

The allowable matter of claim 2 has been incorporated into claim 1. The allowable matter of claim 3 has been incorporated into newly presented claim 12.

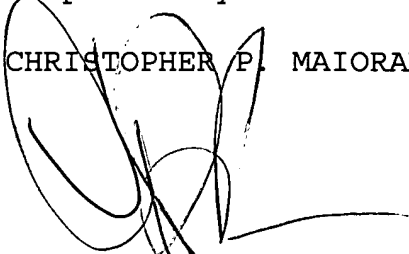
As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited references and the rejection should be allowable.

Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicant's representative at 586-498-0670 should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

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Respectfully submitted,


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